

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Al White of First Christian Church.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rick Caldwell, Director of Risk Management, upon his recent return from service in Iraq.
 - C. Roll Call: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers was present. August Tindell was absent.
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting. Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting of August 21, 2007. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2007, AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP. A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "PUD" (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO "B-2" (COMMUNITY BUSINESS). (Robert Monroe Rezoning) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. He presented visual pictures by power point presentation showing an area of approximately 5.03 acres to be rezoned to B-2 (Community Business). This property is located at the Northwest corner of State Road 46 and County Road 325 West. Jeff Bergman reminded the City Council the Columbus Plan Commission met on August 1, 2007 and voted 8 to 0 in favor of the rezoning. Jeff indicated no members of the public spoke for or against the rezoning. Brief discussion followed. Jesse Brand made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, OF A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA. REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "AG" (AGRICULTURE: TO "SU-1" (SPECIAL USE-CHURCHES). (St. Paul Lutheran Church Rezoning) Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance requesting rezoning. Jeff presented visual pictures by power point presentation showing approximately 11.68 acres located at the southeast corner of State Road 46 and County Road 300 East to be rezoned in order to construct a new church. Mr. Bergman further reminded the City Council the Columbus Plan Commission met on August 1, 2007 and voted 9 to 0 in favor of the rezoning. Jeff indicated two members of the public spoke at the Plan Commission meeting and expressed concerns about drainage in the area, specifically plans for any farm tiles that cross the site. Jeff continued to report to Council that drainage concerns have been or will be addressed. Discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 32, 2007, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AUTHORIZING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA REGARDING THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS." (Sunright America) Trena Carter of ARA requested signed approval of an agreement with the City of Lawrenceburg for a grant from their Economic Development Revenue Sharing Grant Program for up to \$100,000 to the City of Columbus. The sole purpose of this grant is designated to make improvements to Woodside Industrial Park to accommodate the expansion Sunright America, Inc. Brief discussion followed. Craig Hawes made a motion to approve the agreement. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2007, AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY." (Fields/ Fox) Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance with a presentation of visual pictures by power point. Mr. Bergman advised council that FFS had no objection to the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Bergman indicated to Council that there were not any utilities issues in the use of this property at this time. Discussion continued by noting that approximately two (2) years ago this alley way property was paved by the City of Columbus with one-half of the expense being incurred by the residential property owners. Property owner, Buford Fields, addressed the Council with his personal request for the Ordinance. Brief discussion followed. Craig Hawes moved to place into proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1. Robert Kittle voted nay.
- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2007, ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2008." Oakel presented Items C. and D together. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to amend the Ordinance as follows:
- Reduce number of toters from 4,000 to 2,000 in the Capital Improvements with a reduction of \$120,000.00.
- Delete the equipment trailer in the Capital Improvements with a reduction of \$6,000.
- Reduce the Police budget under Overtime and Medicare by \$55,733
- Reduce the salary and benefits for MPO by \$ 13,123.
- Reduce the salary and benefits for Redevelopment Director by \$ 13,912.
- Reduce the budget for Parks Department by \$25,000.
- George Dutro seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2007, 2008 SALARY ORDINANCE." Oakel Hardy presented Item D. during the discussion of Item C. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting will be Tuesday, September 18, 2007.
- C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer